

TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

Minutes for February 7, 2008

The Town of Union Monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at the Eager Free Public Library, 39 W. Main Street, Evansville, WI by Chairman Kendall Schneider. Supervisors George Franklin and Don Krajeck, Treasurer Sharon Franklin, and Clerk Regina Ylvisaker were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk's Minutes

The minutes of the January 3, 2008 Board Meeting and January 22, 2008 Special Board Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2008 and January 22, 2008 made by George Franklin. Second by Don Krajeck. Minutes of January 3, 2008 and January 22, 2008 approved.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Franklin, Treasurer, reported balances as of January 31, 2008 as follows:

Local Government Investment Pool General Fund	\$	1,074.40
Park and Recreation Fund	\$	12,081.27
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$	804,713.63
Of which \$50,000 is Contingency Fund		
UB&T Checking Account	\$	15,000.00
Leedlemill Bridge Certificate of Deposit	\$	16,887.20
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$	1,721.17
Morning Ridge Stub Road Certificate of Deposit	\$	18,129.38
Escrow Accounts:		
Conifer Hills 3 rd Addition	\$	3,190.00
Prairie Homes LLC	\$	2,000.00
Affholder	\$	4,000.00
Jeff Trumpy	\$	2,000.00
Robert Janes	\$	4,000.00

Treasurer's report approved as read.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported the following:

Parcel #	Name	Address	Description	Permit Fee	Inspector's Fee Due
6-20-197	Bob Janes Zoning request	Territorial & Hwy M	Zoning request	N/A	\$80.00
6-20-64.1 & 6-20-78.1	Cavalier Village Mobile Home Park	10808 N Hwy 14	Zoning Inspection	N/A	\$55.00

Constable's Report

Constable Kim Gruebling reported a stray on Green Bay Road. A problem occurred between two dogs on Woodworth Drive; one dog bit another dog. The dogs in question are owned by Kessenichs and Klopps, and there was a similar issue between the dogs about 1 year ago. Gruebling stated that Mr. Klopp reported making efforts to control dog, including having an animal therapist come to the home and erecting a fence, however dog got through fence. The incident was reported to the Rock County Sheriff's Department, and both parties were told to license the dogs (neither dog was licensed at the time of the incident).

A representative from the Rock County Sheriff's Department was in attendance, to hear any concerns/complaints residents may have. The only incident of note was the large number of people stuck on Highway 59 during the recent snowstorm. Several residents on Highway 59 allowed stranded motorists to stay the night at their homes, and Chairman Schneider reported that people were allowed to stay at the Brooklyn Fire Department as well.

Brush Report

Supervisor Franklin reported that no brush cutting was done due to snow. He noted there are many small shrubs throughout the Town that are missed by the regular roadside mowing but need to be dealt with, as they cause vision problems as they become larger.

Public Comment: 3 minutes max per issue

Kim Gruebling brought up the poor snowplowing job done during the recent storm, and stated that it has been a problem all year long. Chairman Schneider stated that he had contacted the County today regarding specific areas that were not plowed. Gruebling stated up to 5 vehicles were stuck at one time, as well as delivery trucks, on Forest Hollow Road following the recent storm.

Wind Turbine Study Committee Status Update

Committee member Jim Bembinster updated the Board, speaking specifically about the tentative schedule for Plan Commission review and public hearing scheduling.

Public Hearing: Hatlen Bros., 12826 W. State Road 59, Evansville, WI requests a land division and zoning change for parcel #6-20-5, to separate off existing farm buildings from the current 193 acre parcel. Resulting parcels would be (1) 186 acre parcel zoned A-1, and (1) 7 acre parcel zoned A-3.

Public hearing opened at 7:17 pm.

Chairman Schneider read in the motion made by the Plan Commission recommending approval of the request: *"Motion to recommend approval of the request from Hatlen Bros., 12826 W. State Road 59, Evansville, WI for a land division and zoning change for parcel #6-20-5, to separate off existing farm buildings from the current 193 acre parcel. Resulting parcels would be (1) 186 acre parcel zoned A-1, and (1) 7 acre parcel zoned A-3."*

Public hearing closed at 7:19 pm.

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Plan Commission to approve the request from Hatlen Bros., 12826 W. State Road 59, Evansville, WI for a land division and zoning change for parcel #6-20-5, to separate off existing farm buildings from the current 193 acre parcel. Resulting parcels would be (1) 186 acre parcel zoned A-1, and (1) 7 acre parcel zoned A-3 made by Don Krajeck. Second by George Franklin.

Supervisor Franklin stated that with regard to the Plan Commission discussion/question of 7 acres versus 5 acres, it was his opinion that given the lay of land, water way, berms, etc a 7 acre lot size was appropriate. Chairman Schneider had spoken to Tom Hatlen several times over the last year regarding how to divide the parcel

Roll call vote: Kendall Schneider – Yes; George Franklin – Yes; Don Krajeck – Yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Hearing: Robert Janes, 8739 N. Territorial Road, Evansville, WI requests a land division and zoning change for parcel #6-20-197, to create a residential subdivision. The parcel is located at the SW corner of County Hwy. M and Territorial Road. The current 53.7 acre parcel would create 29 lots; zoning would be changed from A-1 to RR.

Public hearing opened at 7:24 pm.

No public comments presented.

Public hearing closed at 7:25 pm.

Motion to approve the recommendation made by the Plan Commission to grant conceptual approval to the sketch map provided within the request made by Robert Janes, 8739 N. Territorial Road, Evansville, WI for a land division and zoning change for parcel #6-20-197, to create a residential subdivision. The parcel is located at the SW corner of County Hwy. M and Territorial Road. The current 53.7 acre parcel would create 29 lots; zoning would be changed from A-1 to RR. The developer will come back with a preliminary plat map that will address engineers concerns and provide a phasing plan made by Kendall Schneider. Second by Don Krajeck.

Roll call vote: Kendall Schneider – Yes; George Franklin – Yes; Don Krajeck – Yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Hearing: Adoption of Ordinance 2008-01, Small Wind Energy System Ordinance.

Supervisor Krajeck expressed concerns that the current ordinance language allows for the Building Inspector to be the only person approving or denying a turbine, and there is no provision for a public hearing regarding the siting/approval of a turbine.

Motion to table adoption of Ordinance 2008-01, Small Wind Energy System Ordinance until Town attorney review made by Kendall Schneider. Second by George Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Hearing: Adoption of Ordinance 2008-02, An Ordinance Accepting The Terms of City of Evansville Providing for the Detachment of a Portion of the Property of the City of Evansville, Rock County, Wisconsin to the Town of Union, Rock County, Wisconsin.

Public hearing opened at 7:41 pm.

No public comments presented.

Public hearing closed at 7:42 pm.

Motion to accept Ordinance 2008-02, An Ordinance Accepting the Terms of City of Evansville Providing for the Detachment of a Portion of the Property of the City of Evansville, Rock County, Wisconsin to the Town of Union, Rock County, Wisconsin made by Kendall Schneider. Second by George Franklin.

At this point there does not appear to be any cost to the Town related to this detachment.

Roll call vote: Kendall Schneider – Yes; George Franklin – Yes; Don Krajeck – Yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Cavalier Village Mobile Home Park-Ordinance Violation Status Update

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported completing his inspection to verify compliance with ordinances; the Board is waiting for letter from Town attorney to Riley Law Offices (legal counsel for Cavalier Village).

Treasurer Sharon Franklin asked the Board for direction on accepting payment from individuals other than the owners of the park for tax payments? Chairman Schneider stated the Town attorney should be contacted regarding this issue; Clerk Regina Ylvisaker will contact the attorney.

Valhalla Mobile Home Park

Treasurer Franklin stated that all fees are paid to date. No further action will be taken at this time.

Adoption of a Partial Code of Ordinances for the Town of Union

Item was tabled due to hold on adoption of Ordinance 2008-01, Small Wind Energy System Ordinance.

Evansville-Union Implementation Committee Update

Supervisor Krajeck attended the most recent committee meeting, and reported that the issue of having the City of Evansville plow Old 92 was brought up, as well as the idea of the Town of Union purchasing snowplows; the City of Evansville may have storage space available for the plows as well be able to provide maintenance. The Committee also discussed coordinating road work between the City and Town.

At this time, the Committee plans to meet monthly; no February meeting date set yet.

Snowplowing Discussion and Possible Vote

Chairman Schneider felt that the recent snowstorm brought this issue home again; it would be nice to be able to take care of the Town's own roads and recycling center. Jerry Krueger stated that obtaining sand and salt may be an issue, especially when there are shortages, as the County may not be willing to work cooperatively with the Town to share these resources if the County does not do the Town's plowing. Smaller equipment could not handle the amount of snow that we received yesterday. Supervisor Krajeck is of the opinion that if the Town decides to do its own plowing, then it should completely sever ties to the County regarding roadwork and maintenance, and contract out any other roadwork currently done by the County. Ultimately the decision must be made by the Town residents,

but a budget and other issues must be addressed first. Krueger felt that the initial set up of plowing would be expensive, but would save money in the long run.

Bob Janes asked if the Town had considered putting the plowing out for bid for independent contractors? Chairman Schneider stated that it had been considered in the past, but the downside to that solution is the question of where the Town falls on the priority list of the contractor – we may still be waiting for someone to get to the Town to plow. Janes said the Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee had briefly discussed having Evansville purchase additional equipment and contracting with them, but at the time the City had concerns about being able to keep up with their own roads. Randy Shotliff felt the issue should not be discussed until there are hard numbers to consider; additionally it was his opinion that there is no way that the Town can do it cheaper than the County. Supervisor Franklin stated his opinion that the Town could do a better job than the County, without additional cost.

The Board will put a list together of concerns, issues, etc and proceed from there. Ultimately the decision will be made by referendum.

Operator License Approval – Lorie Hellenbrand, Geno's Red Barn

Motion to approve operator's license for Lorie Hellenbrand made by Kendall Schneider. Second by Don Krajeck. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

One application was received for the vacancy at the Recycling Center. Jerry Krueger will contact Becky Parmer (applicant) and proceed from there.

Pay Bills

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Chairman Schneider, second by Supervisor Franklin, to adjourn the meeting. Bills were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Regina Ylvisaker, Clerk

Note: Minutes are considered draft until reviewed and approved by the Town Board at a properly noticed meeting